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## Our Lady & St. Joseph, Aire Valley

St Monica's Presbytery, Bradford Old Road BD16 !SA

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Diocese of Leeds Charity Number 249404

*O Lord, may your words be on our lips, and in our hearts.*

*May they give us courage and hope – and draw us nearer to you.*

5th Sunday of Lent Year A  Saturday 21/Sunday 22 March	4.15-4.45 pm Confessions 4:15pm-4:50pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5 pm Mass	Bingley	Mary Paige
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Dead List
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	Parish
	4pm Stations of the Cross	Bingley	
Monday 23 March	10 am Mass	Cottingley	Patsy Hanney
	12 noon Requiem Sally Slaven	Cottingley	
	7 pm Healing Service	Cottingley	
Tuesday 24 March	9:30am-9:55am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10 am Mass	Cottingley	Gloria Leonard
Wednesday 25 March The Annunciation	10 am Mass	Cottingley	Dead List
Thursday 26 March	1pm Requiem Rose Hodges	Cottingley	
	6.20 – 6.40pm Confessions 7 pm Mass	Cottingley	Dead List
Friday 27 March	10 am Mass	Bingley	Dead List
Palm Sunday Year A  Saturday 28/Sunday 29 March	4.15-4.45 pm Confessions 4:15pm-4:50pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5 pm Mass	Bingley	Dead List
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Dead List
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	Mary Cassidy
	4pm Stations of the Cross	Cottingley	



As we draw near to the end of our Lenten journey, today's readings turn our attention toward God's power to bring life out of death—not only at the end of our earthly lives, but within the places of struggle, disappointment, and grief we carry right now. God's promise in Ezekiel—to open graves and bring His people to life—comes to fulfilment in Christ. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us, breathing courage, healing, and new beginnings.

In the Gospel, Martha and Mary speak words many of us have said in our own way: *"Lord, if you had been here..."* They are honest, hurting, and confused. Jesus does not rebuke them. Instead, He steps into their pain, weeps with them, and then reveals something astonishing: He *is* the resurrection—here and now. The raising of Lazarus is not just a miracle; it is a sign. A sign that no situation is so lost that God cannot restore it. A sign that His timing, though sometimes mysterious, is never without purpose. A sign that Jesus enters the tombs we carry in our hearts and calls us out into life. As we approach Holy Week, we might ask ourselves: What might God be inviting me to let go of so I can step into new life? The Lord who called Lazarus by name calls each of us, too. May we have the courage to hear His voice, rise from whatever binds us, and walk in the light of His love.

**"Unbind him, and let him go."** May this be the grace we receive today.

# Parish Notices

**First Sacraments Part 1:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at 5:00pm on Tuesday 24 March at 5:00pm in Cottingley. Children should check in with Fr. Polland after Mass.

**First Sacraments Part 2:** check in with Fr. Polland after Mass.

## Ministers at Masses this weekend

Saturday 21/03 17:00 Eucharistic minister Michael Rewilak  
Reader Anne McArthur, P Mark Startin

Sunday 22/03 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Sue Wilkinson  
Readers R Helena Harrington, P Elaine Schack

Sunday 22/03 11:15 Eucharistic minister Deirdre Naylor  
Reader Jeremy Charnock, P Irene Stanford-Wood

## Ministers at Masses next weekend

Saturday 28/03 17:00 Eucharistic minister Mark Startin  
Readers Anne McArthur, P Michael Rewilak

Sunday 29/03 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Christine Acomb  
Readers R Susan Holroyd, P Ann McKerchar

Sunday 29/03 11:15 Eucharistic minister Jean Denman  
Readers Oma Nwokeji, P Jeremy Charnock

**Please remember in your prayers** all who are sick and those who care for them, especially:

Anita Austick	Elizabeth Hartley	Philomena McKenna
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Angela Barnes	Liam Kay	John Moran
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Marisa Bell	Rita King	David Ohr
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Maria Binns	Jacob Kinsey	Tony Shipman
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Michael Bradley	Ria Koetsier	Steven Shaw
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Ellerie Carroll	Melissa Le Coultre	Neil Smith
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Sylvie Cantopher	Patricia Long	Rosamund Spencer
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Frieda Clapham	Richard Longden	Jeff Trotter
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Rita Curtin	Brian Marie	Mary Walker
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Anna Danys	Andrew Markham	Sandra Walton
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Barbara Furniss	Christine Matthews	Lisa White
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Paul Gallagher	Paul McMenamin	Ann Wilkinson
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Ian Harrison	Harry McKenna	Madeleine Wilkins
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Please contact Colin 01274 566332 with any changes to this list.

**Sanctuary Candles** are lit each week in memory of your loved ones. Please keep the following in your prayers:

Sheila & Tony Monaghan	Gerry Smith
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Sheila Wiggans &	Eddie Thorning
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Bernadette Mary Johnson	Mabel & Norman Copley
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**Masses For The Easter Triduum** will be Holy Thursday 7:00pm Bingley with watch until 9:00pm, The Passion and veneration of the Cross at 3:00pm Cottingley, Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm, Bingley and Easter Vigil 8:00pm at Cottingley.

**The next Christian Aid Lent Lunch this year will be on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Bingley Methodist Church, on Mornington Road at 12 noon.** There will be a Bring & Buy at each Lunch. Entry charge is £5.

**The parish Lenten Lunch** raised £262.10p for Christian Aid. Thank you to all who supported this event.

**Want to join in March St Patrick's-time Celebrations with The Wild Geese?** – see notice in the church porch.

If you gift aid AND use an **offertory envelope** the new envelopes which start on the first Sunday of the new tax year (12 April) will be available to collect each weekend starting 14/15 March. If you DO NOT gift aid but use envelopes there will be some un-numbered ones (without a name) which you are free to use. If you wish to start a new gift aid with envelopes and/or standing order there are forms held in the foyer of each church which may be returned to Father Nigel or the presbytery

**Can you help with the 🧹 Great British Spring Clean ! ?** From 10am to 11am on Saturdays. On 21 March at New Inn Pub, Wilsden and on 28 March at War Memorial, Harden.

Please email items for the parish bulletin to me (Colin) at [bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk](mailto:bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk) before Wednesday and I'll try to fit your item in.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** will be conferred by the bishop on Tuesday 2 June at 7:00pm in Ss Mary and Monica Church Cottingley. Classes will take place on Saturday mornings at Cottingley and children should check in with Fr. Polland after Mass each week.

**Healing Service:** with laying on of hands will be held on **Monday 23 March** in Cottingley at 7 pm. Come and ask the Lord for healing and rest in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

**Baptism Meeting:** will be held on Tuesday 31 March in Cottingley at 7 pm. If you attend Mass regularly here and wish to have your child baptised in the next quarter please give your details to Fr. Polland.

## The Parish Memorial Book (Book of Remembrance)

The book has these memories for this coming week:

21 Gerald Smith	25 Eileen McGuire
22 William Cavill	25 Lelia Frances Addy
22 Edward Schack	27 Anne J. Astley
23 Imelda Kay	28 Mary Cassidy
24 Cecilia Doddy	29 Carol Nevison
24 Norman Joseph Harker	29 Monica Reed
25 Krystyna Kliman	

To have your loved ones included in the Parish Memorial Book, please send their name and date of death to [bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk](mailto:bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk)

## The Pope Leo's Intention for March: For Disarmament And Peace

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**February Collections:** Envelopes £750, Standing Order GA £2223.50, Standing Order £261.33, Loose plate Cottingley £437.66, Loose plate Bingley £706.41, Poor Mission £1, Lourdes Fund £280.73

**Consultation on the future of the Dioceses of Leeds & Middlesbrough:** As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

**Holy Week & Easter Services Singing Group** Thank you to everyone who has offered to help lead the singing this Easter-time. Reminder that practices (ending at 11am) after the Cottingley Sunday 9.15 Masses on Sunday 22 and 29 March. If you haven't been in touch but wish to sing, please just come along. Contact [paul.wildgeese@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.wildgeese@btinternet.com) for further details. Thanks.

**Would anyone who has not had their red mission box emptied recently** please drop it off at Mass so that the contents can be counted. Many thanks to everyone for your continued support for the missions.

**Many thanks to all parishioners who donated items** for raffle and tombola prizes and to all those who supported the Coffee Morning on 7th March. We raised over £370 in a couple of hours. A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to all our wonderful bakers who raised over £170 on cakes and biscuits alone.